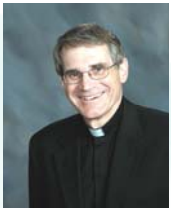




SAINT AMBROSE OF WOODBURY

Catholic Community

FROM OUR PASTOR



We enter into Holy Week today with Palm/Passion Sunday. It culminates with Easter Sunday next week. Holy Week, as an entire week, goes back to the fourth century. The celebration of the three days from Holy Thursday evening until Easter Sunday evening goes back a bit further than that. Today we quickly move from the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to the chilling account of the Passion in the gospel according to Matthew. During the week days of Holy Week readings will

consist of the Songs of the Suffering Servant from Isaiah, with the gospel readings from John 12, the anointing of Jesus by Mary, (sister of Lazarus and Martha) followed by two accounts of the betrayal of Jesus. Then we will move into the Sacred Triduum which is Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper) followed by Good Friday and Holy Saturday when we celebrate the Easter Vigil. It continues on to Sunday with the celebration of Easter. Please note the special schedule for Holy Week posted on the front page of our bulletin to the right of this column. We will return to our regular schedule the week after Easter.

Someone recently suggested we communicate on value and success of some events we have recently completed rather than just promote that they are about to happen. Here are a few recent highlights:

The Sunday night Men's Study Group has just completed its season where they followed two studies: First, *Catholicism* presented by Bishop Robert E. Barron. This program included background reading, a weekly video, and group discussion. It provided a survey of some central beliefs of the Catholic Church. These include among others: the Incarnation, how Jesus is the promised Messiah, God become man; the teachings of Jesus; Mary as an on-going actor in the life of the Church; what the Church actually is – only, holy, catholic and apostolic; the mystery of the liturgy and the Eucharist; the Communion of Saints, the last things – death, judgment, heaven, hell and purgatory. Interspersed, they also studied a series called *The Pivotal Players*. This looked at six people who had distinctive influence in the Catholic Church: St. Francis of Assisi; St. Thomas Aquinas; St. Catherine of Siena; Blessed John Henry Newman; G. K. Chesterton and Michelangelo. The men found it a rich fount of information and teaching, beautifully presented in film, showing the global nature of the Church, and erudite presentations by Bishop Barron. They will present something again next year, and hope that it will engage many more men of the parish in these evenings of education and fraternity.

Premier Sundays: This part of the Confirmation program often happens on the first weekend of a month. It is attended by both 9th and 10th grades, and many parents and sponsors. Other parishioners are welcome as well. It usually

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday 8:00 AM Mass
Tuesday 6:30 AM & 5:30 PM Mass
Wednesday 8:00 AM Mass
Holy Thursday 7:00 PM Mass
Good Friday Services 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Easter Vigil Mass/Saturday 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday Masses 7:30 AM,
9:30 AM, & 11:30 AM

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2017

8:30 AM: Alex & Bozena Borkowski †
11:00 AM: Metty Sebastian †
5:00 PM: Mass for the Parish

MONDAY APRIL 10, 2017

8:00 AM: Alfred Nordaune †

TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2017

6:30 AM: Mass for the Homeless
5:30 PM: Evelyn Coleman †

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12, 2017

8:00 AM: Joan Gustafson †
9:15 AM: Rev. Ronald Dahlheimer †

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 13, 2017

7:00 PM: Alfred & MaryAnn Nordaune †

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 14, 2017

3:00 PM: Prayer Service
7:00 PM: Prayer Service

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2017

8:00 PM: John Tronsen †

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2017

7:30 AM: Lenny & Alice Gordon †
9:30 AM: Mass for the Parish
11:30 AM: Alfred & MaryAnn Nordaune †

HOLY WEEK 2017

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday at Noon

RECONCILIATION

- Monday, April 10 at 6:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, April 12 at 10:30 AM

TRIDUUM LITURGIES

- Holy Thursday: 7:00 PM
- Good Friday Prayer Services
3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
- Holy Saturday: 8:00 PM Easter Vigil
- Easter Sunday
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM



PALM SUNDAY ~ APRIL 9, 2017

OUR PARISH FAMILY

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of God and our Catholic Community:



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit—

ETTA CORDELIA MAY FONVILLE
Daughter of Jeremiah & Natasha

MELANIA ELISE HEBDA
Daughter of Justin & Krista

ISABELLA ANN WILLIAMS
Daughter of Benjamin & Kathleen



CONGRATULATIONS

KAARI SPIESS & MICHAEL ANGELL
Who were married on April 1, 2017
At Saint Ambrose of Woodbury



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following new parishioners to our parish family:

Rebekah & Jack Hubert

Sarah Rabe & Windel Gotoman
Children: Krishantal, Delwin, & Zyradel

Kathleen & Cameron Rick
Child: Cooper

Janelle Taft
Child: Quentin

OUR MISSION

Saint Ambrose strives to be an actively involved community which seeks to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ to one another, as well as the greater community of Woodbury, through our **Worship, Education and Outreach.**

SOCIAL MEDIA



Follow Saint Ambrose of Woodbury on Social Media!

- Facebook: Saint Ambrose of Woodbury
- Instagram: [saintambroseofwoodbury](https://www.instagram.com/saintambroseofwoodbury)
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STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

March 26, 2017 - April 2, 2017

Adult Contributions	\$15,574.15
Children's Envelopes	\$78.42
Votive Candles	\$153.96
Hospitality	\$135.48
TOTAL	\$15,942.01

Special Collections	
Legacy of Faith	\$2,312.00
Soup Supper	\$121.00
Global Solidarity	\$4,286.00

Fiscal Year-to-Date Information

July 1st, 2016 - February 28, 2017

Sunday Stewardship Collected	\$1,243,127.84
Sunday Stewardship Budgeted	\$1,229,498.00
Difference	\$13,629.84

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

DAILY WORD

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/
Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/Jn
13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt
26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-
22, 25, 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps
116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb
4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5
-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/Gn 22:1-
18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15--
15:1/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Is
55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16
-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-6 or Ps 51:12-15,
18-19/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-
23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or
Lk 24:13-35

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 9 - APRIL 16, 2017

SUNDAY

8:30 AM	Mass & Liturgy of the Word for Children
11:00 AM	Mass & Liturgy of the Word for Children
1:30 PM	Living Stations of the Cross
5:00 PM	Mass

MONDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
6:00 PM	Reconciliation

TUESDAY

6:30 AM	Mass
5:30 PM	Mass
6:00 PM	Reconciliation
6:00 PM	Ambrosians

WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM	Mass
9:15 AM	Mass at Woodbury Health Care Center
10:30 AM	Reconciliation
5:30 PM	Schola/Jubilate Rehearsal (SA1)
6:30 PM	Uprising - High School Youth Group

THURSDAY

7:00 PM	Holy Thursday Mass
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FRIDAY

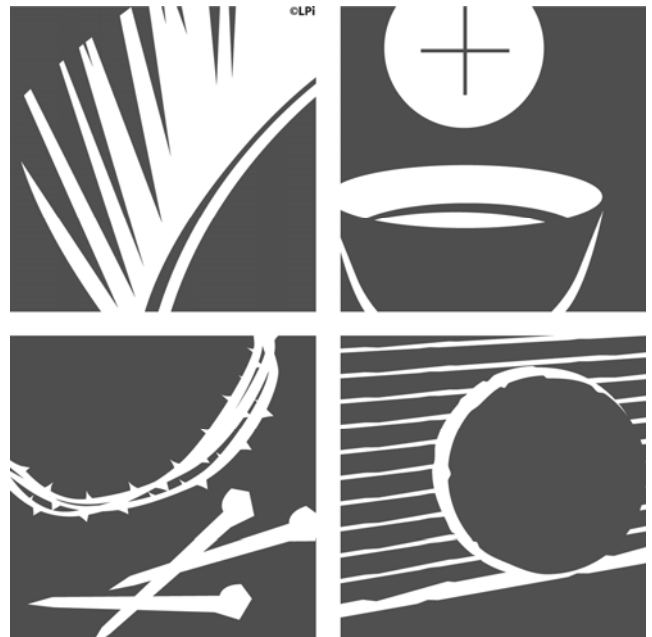
12:00 PM	Living Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM	Good Friday Service
7:00 PM	Good Friday Service

SATURDAY

9:00 AM	RCIA Morning of Prayer
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil

SUNDAY

7:30 AM	Easter Sunday Mass
9:30 AM	Easter Sunday Mass
11:30 AM	Easter Sunday Mass



FROM OUR PASTOR CONTINUED

involves a speaker, special music and a specific prayer experience. This year there were two nationally known speakers: Jason Evert and Chris Stefanik. There were also a number of local speakers who were very good.

Women's Morning of Reflection: This took place on Saturday, March 11th and was attended by more than 70 women. The speaker was the mother of Zach Sobiech, who died a few years ago from cancer. His illness was widely reported because of the strength of his faith during that time, as well as the publication of his song, Clouds, which hit number one in online sales at one point. This morning includes not only the inspirational speaker, but a lovely breakfast and camaraderie.

Rice Bowl Collection: On Ash Wednesday we began distributing 1,000 bags containing rice, beans, and a Rice Bowl to parishioners. Within two weeks all were taken. As of now, about 150 Rice Bowls have been returned. Not all have been counted, but in the first two weeks we had received a bit over \$2,150 in those rice bowls themselves. We hope for many more to be returned in the next few weeks. We had hoped people would prepare a meal for their family or themselves with the rice and beans, and contribute what they would have spent on a meal in the special collection on the weekend of March 18-19 for the Christian Cupboard Food Shelf. That collection brought in \$5,540.67. Frankly, I'm disappointed. I'm thinking not many people have followed up to this point. I managed to get three meals from the can of beans and part of the rice, supplemented with a few pieces of fruit. I compare that to a \$15 pizza I easily ate for one lunch. I hope people who haven't tried this will do so. It goes back to one of the early reasons for fasting: in spring, the food supplies were low. By enforcing fasting, it stretched that diminished store of food out more, so wealthy people couldn't just buy up the supply of food and have the poor starve. Have a simple meal instead of something else, and see what you save, and give that for these hunger issues. I hope people will still do this, and earmark something for the food shelf through our parish so we can contribute to the erection of a new food shelf building.

Spanish Class Reminder: We host a beginning Spanish class on Saturdays at 9:00 AM. We have a number of eager teachers. Please join us. No charge. We meet in the large conference room in the office area.

The Bishop Pates Gala, the primary fundraiser for the school, will be held on Friday May 5. As it is the eve of the Kentucky Derby, horseracing will be the theme this year. Join us for a meal, some live auction items, a more select silent auction, armchair horse racing, and lots of fun with fellow parishioners! Save the date – May 5th!

Fr. Stan Mader

CUBA CORNER

Here in the United States we generally think of the word parish and the word church to be synonymous. The word church (with a lower case c) denotes the consecrated building we use to celebrate the Sacred Liturgy. Parish means a geographical area and the people who live there. Our parish has a geographical territory even though we hardly ever would even think of that reality.

The parish of San Miguel de Cubitas has twenty different locations where the Mass is celebrated. The parish boundaries San Miguel are roughly the size of Washington County. Transportation is not readily available, so the priests travel to the various villages for the celebration of the sacraments. Most of these sites are houses of parishioners. Some of the locations have a simple chapel or oratory. We were able to visit several of these chapels on our visit to Cuba. These visits proved to be a highlight for many of us.

Peace,
Fr. Michael



FAITH FORMATION

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Sunday, April 9 & April 16

- No Classes - Spring Break

Wednesday, April 12

- No Classes - Spring Break

Wednesday, April 19

- Elementary Faith Formation: 6:30 PM
- Jr. High Faith Formation: 6:30 PM

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

- **Stebenville Rochester:** Is a weekend-long Catholic youth conference, complete with music, speakers, entertainment, small groups, Eucharistic Adoration, and more. (Actually, it's kind of like a weekend-long concert with friends!) The conference will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN and will be held July 14-16, 2017. This conference is for current high schoolers. We have a limited amount of tickets so please see Hector Bautista for more information or to register.
- **Extreme Faith Camp:** Is an Archdiocesan summer camp for middle schoolers to have fun and get to know Jesus Christ through prayer, Adoration, Mass and much more. This will be held at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor, MN June 26-30, 2017 and is for teens currently in grades 6-8. Teen leaders interested in helping at the camp need to currently be in grades 9-12.
- **Senior High Mission Trip:** This summer we invite all current 9-12 grade students to join us for a week long Catholic Heart Work Camp in Muskegon, Michigan. We will be leaving on Sunday, July 23rd and returning to Saint Ambrose on Saturday, July 29th. For more information and/or to register, please contact Hector Bautista at 768-3022 or email hector.bautista@saintambroseofwoodbury.org
- **Summer Stretch:** Begins Wednesday, June 28, 2017 and is for students who are entering grades 7, 8, and 9 this coming fall. Students going into grade 10 are invited to join us as Tenors (Teen Leader in Training) and students going into grades 11 & 12 are invited to join us as small group leaders.
- **Vacation Bible School:** Children ages 3 (as of January 1, 2017) through 5th grade are invited to participate in "Created by God, Built for a Purpose" at VBS from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM beginning Monday, June 12, through Friday, June 16, 2017. Preschool aged children must be potty-trained and able to separate. Registration forms are available at the parish office.

FUN & GAMES

Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

JESUS	KING	CROSS
ARRESTED	TRUTH	DIED
QUESTIONED	NAIL	TOMB

J C S L U D S I T A O
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FATHER FLOOD



EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8TH GRADERS

All 8th grade parents are invited to attend a meeting regarding your child starting the Confirmation program in the fall. This meeting will give an overview of our St. Ambrose Confirmation process. Two meeting options are available: Wednesday, April 19th from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM in St. Anne 1 or Friday, April 21st from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM. Please mark your calendars now with these important dates. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Watkins at 768-3011.

THE LIVING STATIONS

The Saint Ambrose Drama Ministry will be presenting The Living Stations: Were You There? rendition of our Lord's Passion and Death at Saint Ambrose on Palm Sunday, April 9 at 1:30 PM, and Good Friday at Noon. This hour-long service is suitable for the entire family and is another way of bringing the message of Jesus to our faith community. Consider attending and bringing family and friends.

EASTER PLANT DEDICATION

Help decorate our worship space for the Easter Season! Dedicate a flowering plant in memory of or as a tribute to a loved one. The cost is \$15 per plant. You can do this at the parish office during regular business hours, and also at the welcome table in Oehlke Commons following weekend Masses now through Palm Sunday, April 9. Thank you so much for your participation and generosity!!

HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY HOME SHELTER

Saint Ambrose will be providing volunteers to staff the Hope for the Journey Home Homeless Shelter located at Guardian Angels Parish in Oakdale. We need volunteers to help the week of April 16-22. The three shifts are: 2:45 PM-5:15 PM, 5:00 PM-8:15 PM, & 8:00 PM - 9:15 AM. Please note there is no 5:00 PM - 8:15 PM shift on Thursday. Volunteer shifts are first come first serve. Sign-up is online at <http://tinyurl.com/HJHApril16> or by calling Deacon Larry at 768-3008.

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

Have you received the information we sent you in the mail about our upcoming Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 11th at the 11:00 AM Mass? Remember to save the date and make plans to attend this special Mass with all your graduating friends. A reception honoring all of our graduates will immediately follow Mass in Fellowship Hall.

LIVING ROSARY/MARY CROWNING

All Parishioners are invited to join the Faith Formation students for the living rosary which will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the church. A "living rosary" is when people are used to represent each bead of the rosary. Each person leads one prayer of the rosary. Everyone is invited to bring a flower to place in the vases that will be arranged around the statue of Mary. We will have a reception in Fellowship Hall following the rosary. Please contact Patti Watkins if you are interested in helping with leading the Mysteries of the Rosary or for any questions at 768-3011.

EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

During the month of April, the EAC is asking the parish community to nominate parishioners who they believe have the gifts and desire to actively support and strengthen our ECEC, school and parish educational programs. All nominees will be asked to participate in a discernment process through which 2 new members will be selected. Please consider nominating a fellow parishioner or yourself for service on this council. Nomination forms will be available in the parish office until Monday, April 24th.

AMBROSIANS

Looking for a FUN and SOCIAL group of new FRIENDS?! Calling anyone "55" or over to attend our Ambrosians Gathering! Whether you are a NEW parishioner, or a longtime member, I would love to welcome you to CHECK OUT the "Ambrosians" evening gathering. We are a social group, growing with over 100+ members, formed to foster friendship among people 55 and over who are members, or spouses/friends of members of Saint Ambrose. This evening is for everyone, whether single, married or widowed. ALL are welcome. Our purpose is Socialization, Support and Service. I would love to invite you to attend our next Ambrosian Party, to be held on **Tuesday, April 11th** in Fellowship Hall. Social time: 6:00 PM. Dinner: 6:30 PM. The menu will include: ham, au gratins, green bean almandine, salad, fresh fruit, dinner rolls and a host of delicious desserts. Please call in your reservations to Ron and Mary Ann at 739-9732 OR Elaine at 739-2234. We're sorry, but reservations can not be accepted after Sunday, April 9th.

Warmly, LeAnn Stadt, Ambrosian President



SAY TO DAUGHTER ZION, "BEHOLD, YOUR KING COMES TO YOU, MEEK AND RIDING ON AN ASS, AND ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN."

- MT 21:5